

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 7, 2014

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1422**

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**Introduced by Senator Padilla**

February 21, 2014

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~~An act to amend Section 72 of the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans. An act to add Section 470.1 to the Military and Veterans Code, relating to military courts.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1422, as amended, Padilla. ~~Department of Veterans Affairs. Military courts: sexual assault: reporting.~~

*Existing law provides that the military courts of this state are general courts-martial, special courts-martial, summary courts-martial, and courts of inquiry. Existing law provides that general, special, and summary courts-martial have the power to try and adjudge specified members of the active militia. Existing law establishes various sexual assault offenses, including the offenses of rape, unlawful sexual intercourse, and abduction.*

*This bill would authorize a person subject to the jurisdiction of a military court of the state to report a sexual assault offense, as provided.*

~~Existing law establishes the California Veterans Board, composed of 7 members with specified qualifications who are appointed by the Governor and subject to the confirmation of the Senate, to advise the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Veteran's Affairs on policies for operations of the department.~~

~~This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that provision.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     *SECTION 1. Section 470.1 is added to the Military and*  
2     *Veterans Code, to read:*

3     *470.1. Notwithstanding any other law, a person subject to the*  
4     *jurisdiction of a military court of the state may report a crime*  
5     *described in Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 261) of Title 9*  
6     *of Part 1 of the Penal Code to the civil authorities.*

7     ~~SECTION 1. Section 72 of the Military and Veterans Code is~~  
8     ~~amended to read:~~

9     ~~72. The California Veterans Board shall advise the department~~  
10    ~~and the secretary on policies for operations of the department. The~~  
11    ~~department shall respond to all proposed policy changes offered~~  
12    ~~by the California Veterans Board prior to the next scheduled~~  
13    ~~meeting of the board.~~